

Tattoo Aftercare Information

Remember: Your Tattoo is not finished until it is totally healed!!

When your tattoo is completed and/or with work in progress after each session it will be cleaned and covered as necessary at the studio. From that moment on it is your responsibility to hygienically take care of your tattoo/s. Good hygiene and care will reduce the risk of infection, aid healing and help maintain the color/s.

- Leave the cover on for approximately one hour.
- Before touching your tattoo at any time, make sure you 'Wash Your Hands' thoroughly with antibacterial soap.
- Use only your cleaned hands or fingertips to wash your tattoo using warm water and antibacterial soap in accordance with any direction given for the individual product. Gently remove all traces of blood and Ink from the skin: the tattoo should no longer look shiny if it is properly cleaned.
- Gently pat dry with a paper towel. Leave the tattoo to air dry for around 10-15 minutes.
- Apply a thin coating (too much will suffocate your tattoo and delay healing) of a recommended aftercare cream such as cocoa butter or vitamin E lotion, unscented. There are a range of specially formulated tattoo aftercare products that you can purchase that will work also (H2Ocean, Aquaphor, etc).
- If you have any reaction to any of the products then stop use immediately then follow the product directions and/or consult a doctor.
- Do not cover the tattoo. Repeat the cleaning and aftercare treatment 3 times daily for approximately 2 weeks. If the tattoo starts to feel tight or dry an unscented moisturizer can be applied.
- Keeping your tattoo clean will reduce the risk of infection. Following these procedures will reduce scabbing. Most people will only develop a thin film over the tattoo that will flake off for around 2 weeks.
- Try to avoid long soaks in the bath. Hot water in contact with your skin will detach scabs or soak into the skin and loosen the ink. This could lead to your tattoo looking patchy when healed. A short shower is preferable for the first 2 weeks.
- Avoid swimming, sauna and hot tubs etc during healing. Also avoid tanning or long periods of sun exposure.
- Avoid vigorous exercise, sports and going to the gym during the healing process. Sweat will irritate the tattoo and it increases the risk of infection.
- DO NOT pick or scratch at the healing tattoo, as this will remove the ink. You will then have to have it re- colored.

